

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a user of a display screen of a computer system, the method comprising:
responsive to an abnormal condition of the computer system:
~~proportionally decreasing brightness of each pixel~~ of a first area on the display screen; and
~~increasing the brightness tinting each pixel~~ of a second area on the display screen,
~~wherein each pixel in the second area displays a same tint color, by a fixed amount; and~~
~~wherein the first area and the second area are defined independently of~~ comprise all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and
~~wherein the~~ contents of the display screen remain visible to the user.
2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 1 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are ~~is configured to communicate display a text message to the viewer~~ user.
3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 1 wherein the tint color of the second area is selected based on the abnormal condition ~~configured to communicate a message to the viewer.~~
4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 1 wherein the first area and the second area are a same area ~~configured to communicate a message to the viewer.~~
5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 1 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in fixed amount is greater than a brightness of a brightest location within the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are configured to display a symbolic message to the user.
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating with a viewer of a multi-component color display screen of a computer system, the method comprising:
responsive to an abnormal condition of the computer system:
proportionally-decreasing the brightness of a color component of each pixel within a
first area on the display screen; and
increasing the brightness of the color component of each pixel within a second area
on the display screen, wherein each pixel in the second area displays a same
tint color, by a fixed amount; and
wherein the first area and the second area are defined independently of comprise all
contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and
wherein the contents of the display screen remain visible to the viewer.
8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 7 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness
in the first area and the tinted pixels of the second area are is configured to communicate
display a text message to the viewer.
9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 7 wherein the tint color of the second area is
selected based on the abnormal condition configured to communicate a message to the viewer.
10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 7 wherein the first area and the second area
are a same area configured to communicate a message to the viewer.
11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method of Claim 7 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness
fixed amount is greater than a brightness of a brightest location for the color component within
the first area and the tinted pixels within the second area are configured to display a symbolic
message to the viewer.
12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~System communication device~~ A system comprising:

a display screen;

a computing device coupled to the display screen, wherein the computing device, in response to an abnormal event, ~~proportionally decreasing~~ decreases the brightness of each pixel of a first area on the display screen, and increasing the brightness tints each pixel of a second area on the display screen, wherein each pixel in the second area displays a same tint color, by a fixed amount; and

wherein the first area and the second area comprise all contents of the display screen when the abnormal condition occurred, and are defined independently of wherein the contents of the display screen remain visible to a user.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The system device~~ of Claim 13 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are is configured to ~~communicate~~ display a text message to the user.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The system device~~ of Claim 13 wherein the tint color of the second area is selected based on the abnormal condition ~~configured to communicate a message.~~

16. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The system device~~ of Claim 13 wherein the first area and the second area are a same area ~~configured to communicate a message.~~

17. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The system device~~ of Claim 13 wherein the pixels of decreased brightness in fixed amount is greater than a brightness of a brightest location within the first area and the tinted pixels in the second area are configured to display a symbolic message to the user.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)